

Commercial Recycling: Town of Brookline's Future

Mandatory Commercial Recycling Town By-law: Passed in the Fall of 2014 by the town of Brookline and will be put into effect by October 2015

- ❖ Each commercial establishment and each landlord of a building housing a commercial establishment will now need to recycle similar to Brookline residents.
- ❖ The majority of business commercial sector waste is **RECYCLABLE** and it will be the responsibility of each business to dispose of these materials through recycling.
- ❖ This bylaw will affect you, so please read carefully:

Snapshot of what YOUR BUSINESS needs to know:

- 1) Similar to residential recycling in Brookline, each business will be responsible for its own recycling.
- 2) Your current waste service company, also known as a hauler, **IS REQUIRED** to offer recycling along with their current waste services. It will be your responsibility to arrange for recycling pickups with **YOUR** current landlord or waste hauler.

To help you understand the recycling commodities in your business, please fill out the recycling audit located on the back of this form.



Know YOUR Baseline: *A Simple Waste Audit to Perform*

Use the chart below to help you determine your business's waste composition and identify opportunities for diverting materials currently disposed of, to recycling and/or reuse.

Typical business waste materials have been included for your convenience, but feel free to add any items specific to your company in the blank rows below.

Material	% of Total Waste (Estimate)	Recycled or Reused (√)	Disposed (√)	Size/Type of collection receptacle **
Corrugated Cardboard				
Office/Mixed Paper				
Mixed Containers (glass/tin/plastic)				
Beverage Deposit Containers				
Books, Magazines, and Newspapers				
Plastics				
Scrap Metal				
Pallets/Scrap Wood				
Food Waste				

****Determine your waste collection costs- What size receptacle are you using for garbage and at what cost? How full is it when collected? How many collections do you receive per month?**

By taking these steps, you will be able to answer these questions:

- 1) What material(s) are the main sources of your waste?
- 2) Can you reduce your waste? For example, can you print two-sided copies or reuse certain materials?
- 3) What percentage of my waste is recyclable?
- 4) Can my business save money by recycling and reducing waste pickups?

Taking these steps can result in full compliance of the new mandatory recycling bylaw!